

# THE EMPRESS EXPRESS

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"Breathes there a man with soul so dead, who never to himself hath said—"EMPRESS"

## Board of Trade Annual Meeting and Banquet

Officers Elected for 1915, and First Annual Banquet  
Proves Good Success

Over forty members were present at the annual meeting of the Empress Board of Trade held Thursday last, January 14. The meeting was practically confined to the election of new officers. Officers elected were—President, F. H. Pearce; Vice-President, R. M. Henderson; Sec.-Treas., J. M. Waggett; and a counsel board of six members. The members then adjourned to the Empress hotel where dinner was laid for about eighty guests; every seat being occupied. After the splendid repast for which every credit is due the management for the up-to-date way in which it was carried out, a chorus "O, Canada" was sung by all present. A splendid toast list had been arranged by the committee and speeches given were very good, more especially those of the Rev. J. M. Waggett and H. L. Gwyer, while E. M. Henderson read some appropriate booster lines on the Board of Trade.

A big factor in the evening's enjoyment was some well rendered comic songs by Mr. Wm. Home, who it seemed could not sing enough to satisfy the audience. Monologues by F. D. Abbott, laughter producing songs by Mr. F. Corby and a good song by Rev. J. M. Waggett. The musical accompaniments by Messrs. A. E. Franklin, piano and C. E. Sexton, violin were of the very best.

During the evening it was announced by the Chairman, that it was proposed to hold a Board of Trade entertainment on March the 17th.

It was moving the early hour of 2:30 a.m. that the final toast was given and what must be termed a highly successful banquet was brought to a fitting conclusion by the singing of "God Save The King."

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends in Social Plains and Empress for the sincere help and sympathy extended to us during our hour of need of such trusting they will all accept this grateful appreciation of their successful efforts on our behalf, we are, faithfully,  
Mr. and Mrs. B. Kreller

Rumor has it that Mr. Albert Keith who left a short time back for the East on business is to return shortly. We are informed that he will be accompanied.

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### Leaders From Leland

January 16th.  
Have you broken those New Year Resolutions yet? Never mind, tomorrow brings a brand new day. Start again.

Dan McCallum, of Manitoba, was down last week and bought six head of cattle from H. G. Sarvis.

On the night of January 16th a dance will be given at the home of Mr. Neil McLeod. All are invited.

Mr. Ehardt, who is seriously ill, was taken in to Medicine Hat Monday last, where he will receive medical attention.

Mr. Stanley Ferguson, from Carleton, was an arrival this week at Bindloss and will spend some time on his homestead here.

Mr. Walter Czerwinski and Miss Olive Sarvis went across the Saskatchewan Friday Thursday and returned Friday afternoon.

Mr. Wm. Tapscott, of Sandy Point, rode across the Saskatchewan and spent a couple of days last week at the Sarvis home.

Out here where there are no circus posters to study a correspondent finds it hard to keep in a stock of adjectives, but the war news as published by some papers affords a very good substitute.

A most enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ferris Friday evening of last week. Leland's young people were the participants and all present declare they had the time of their lives.

The canine population was diminished to the extent of three head this week, when three valuable dogs belonging to H. C. Carter and Percy Phillips, partook of some poisoned meat that was put out for coyotes.

Please do not come to the writers and complain with "tears in your voice" that you haven't seen your name in the paper. We have been taking up so much space that we believe that even now the editors must be contemplating a sale of the paper to the Leland correspondents.

The motto used by the great Abraham Lincoln throughout his life which reads "Be sure you're right, then go ahead" has been selected by the Sunday School as a guide-board for 1915. It will be remembered by those who have read "The Harvester," by Gene Stratton Porter, that it was used also by the hero of that novel.

A meeting of the U.F.A. organization was held at A. L. Insley's Wednesday night. A literary program was put on consisting of music, readings, etc., after which a luncheon was served. About forty people were present. The success of the meeting insures a bigger and better one which will be held in about a month. Among those in attendance were Mrs. Robson and J. Casack from Empress.

A number of young people launched an organization Friday night on the order of a

## GOVERNMENT RELIEF

We have had handed to us by Mr. J. Casack, the Government Relief agent here, a letter and a circular received from the Commissioner at Medicine Hat. The letter and circular deal with the giving out of relief. We reprint the more important parts trusting that they may be of help and interest to our readers.—Taken from circular.

"When the Government decided last September to grant certain relief to the homesteaders in this district it was estimated that a certain amount would be sufficient to meet all requirements from the time it started till next year's crop was assured. You can well imagine the consternation it must have caused the Government to realize that on February 4th, more than four times the amount of the estimate had been used up in about 2 months.

"For your guidance, I submit that the next provision orders should be in amounts from \$15 to \$25, at the utmost for three months' relief. For instance a family of two \$15, three \$20, four \$25, five \$30 and so on. In some cases you can give much less than these amounts. . . . In no case give more than 20% of sugar to the applicant. . . . A homestead which has received provisions before cannot get another order now. Bachelors who have not received orders before will only get relief in certain cases where you think they are entitled to special consideration and in such cases the applications together with a report must be sent to me by you, and I will give you a ruling on the case by return mail.

"The only chance we have for a continuance of this relief is to have the agents do every order to the lowest possible amount and to grant relief only to those who cannot get along without it. With the aid of new applications and reduced provisions, I know we can easily do it."

From letter, which is of late date, that during the month of January relief must be given under the following conditions: new applicants for provision and fuel not more than \$25—applicants who have received relief not more than \$10, and relief orders to be graded downwards according to the number in the family.

That no agent under any circumstances will be allowed to give an order for animal feed, (i.e. accounts which are not in order with the above instructions) will not be acknowledged.

P.S. You will still issue help that arrives at your point according to previous instructions.

Literary Club. The officers elected were: Ewart Sarvis, president; Walter Czerwinski, vice-president; Herb, Democrat, secretary. A committee was appointed to arrange for a program to be given at the next meeting, which will be January 29th. Some other matters will be considered at that time, including the selection of a name for the club. Everybody invited to attend.

## Defeated With Honour

The Empress Tigers Lose to Cabri in Well Contested Game

A good surprise was in store for all who witnessed the hockey game between the Empress Tigers and the Cabri team on the local ice on Friday last. The showing of the local team against their heavier and apparently older opponents must have been particularly pleasing to the home team supporters.

The game was fast, thronged and good clean hockey was played by both teams. The visitors are a good bunch and nobly beguiled their win; the final score was 5 to 2.

The score read 2 to 2 up to the last 20 minutes, and our boys still then had quite as much of the game as their opponents despite the fact that Mundell who had received a bad hit in the mouth at the beginning of the game had been practically a passenger.

By mutual understanding it was then decided by each side to drop a man. At this point perhaps, that little extra stamina was lacking and the Cabri boys added three more to their score, thereby making the game 5 to 2.

Praise is due to every member of our team for all did well especially so to D. Aston for the good example he set his men by his aggressive play.

The following was the lineup of the teams:  
EMPRESS: A. M. Heflie, Goal; J. Keyes, Point; J. Backus, R. Parker, C. Point; M. Charters, M. A. McColl, C. Point; M. Charters, R. J. Shields, Aston, Centre; H. Joss, Mundell, Right W. R. Toss.

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The meeting announced by the Rev. D. McEachern for the purpose of meeting F. Ogletree and Dr. Wm. Robertson at the Grand Theatre on Tuesday, January 19 for the purpose of going into details re his dealings with the Empress Gas Co. was not productive of that grand affair which might have been expected from the meeting. At about 8:45 p.m. the Rev. D. McEachern, the platform addressed a few opening words to those present. He then called attention to the fact that he had fulfilled his promise but that neither of his opponents, Dr. Wm. Robertson or Mr. F. Ogletree were present. He alluded cursorily to certain points—going on to say that he was willing to answer any question any person present might choose to ask in regard to his connection with the Gas Co., and that he would cherish no ill-will towards the questioner on that behalf; he preferred having things told to his face. He concluded by stating that it was a habit of Mr. F. Ogletree to make a habit and then stand away in the dark.

After the meeting was over shown the last petition circulated by Mr. F. Ogletree which had been signed by practically all business men here—57 signatures in all.

In connection with the above we have been informed that Mr. F. Ogletree is now in Toronto and Dr. Wm. Robertson was engaged in a law case at Saskatoon the first of the week.

Loach Left W. McCarter J. Black, referee N. Allison, judge play.

The return game will take

## Broomball

All Stars Gain Victory Over Sunbeams

One of the fiercest and exciting battles in the annals of the history of Empress took place on the local ice here on Wednesday evening, January 20th, when Capt. Schank, of the All Stars, led his men out, and Capt. Gwyer, of the Sunbeams, was led on to the ice by his men to do battle at broomball. The sixers, minus the match by virtue of actual goals scored, but it seems that by a previous arrangement between Captains Schank and Gwyer that unless the Silvers scored six clear goals more than the Fists the victory should go to the first men.

The strenuous and exciting efforts and exertions of the eminent Professors and Doctors participating in the game, was certainly worth seeing; the struggle one to be remembered.

The Lions scored 6 goals to one by the Fists; but Capt. Schank claims the game on account of his previous arrangement with Capt. Buster Gwyer

place on Jan. 26, Tuesday, and arrangements are trying to be made for a special train for this day.

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FRIDAY, JAN. 22nd, 1915

R. M. of Mantario, No. 262

The council met at E. J. Lit-  
tle's on January 4th, with  
Reeve Rivers and Councillors  
Paul, Sawyer, Kinch, Sargent  
and Ardell present.

The Reeve and Councillors  
signed the declaration of office.  
Minutes of meeting held Dec.  
10 were read and confirmed.

Paul—That the Reeve and  
Secretary be and hereby are  
authorized to sign a note for  
\$172,500 at 10% int., payable to  
the Canada Ingot Iron Cultivator  
Co. for balance of account  
owing.

Amendment by Sargent—  
That in lieu of signing the  
above note the sec. write the  
Canada Ingot Iron Cultivator  
Co. explaining that they misunder-  
stood our letter of Dec. 16th,  
that we are not in a position to  
make a cash payment at the  
present time but that we are  
still of the opinion that 10% is  
an excessive rate of interest,  
and we ask them therefore if  
they could not accept a note  
for the balance owing at 8%  
rate of interest.

Vote on amendment: Yeas—  
Sargent, Ardell, Sawyer, Rivers,  
Kinch, Nays—Paul. Carried.

Ardell—That the auditor's re-  
port for 1914, interim state-  
ment, be adopted. Carried.

Ardell—That the Reeve and  
Sec. be and hereby are author-  
ized to sign renewal notes to  
the Union Bank, Alsask, for  
the amount of the two notes  
due, which are for \$2900 and  
\$4000 respectively. Carried.

Ardell—That Councillor Sarg-  
ent be appointed deputy reeve  
for the first three months of  
1915. Carried.

Ardell—That the reeve, depu-  
ty reeve and sec.-treas. be auth-  
orized for and in the name of  
the Mun. of Mantario, to draw,  
accept, sign and make all or  
any bills of exchange, promiss-  
ory notes, cheques, and orders  
for the payment of money; to  
pay and receive all moneys and  
to give acquittance for same, to  
assign and transfer to the bank,  
all of any stocks, bonds and  
other securities from time to  
time; to borrow money from  
the Union Bank of Canada  
either by overdrawing the ac-  
count of the undersigned or  
otherwise and generally for and  
in the name or on behalf of the  
said municipality to transact  
with the said bank any business  
they may think fit; also that  
the aforesaid or any one of  
them be and are hereby author-  
ized on behalf of the said  
municipality to negotiate with,  
deposit with, or transfer to the  
said bank (but for the credit of  
the said municipal account  
only) all or any bills of ex-  
change, promissory notes,  
cheques or orders for the pay-  
ment of money and other ne-  
gotiable paper and for the said  
purpose to endorse the same or  
any of them on behalf of the  
said municipality; also from  
time to time to arrange, settle  
balance and verify all books  
and accounts between the said  
municipality and the bank and  
to receive all paid cheques and  
vouchers and to sign the bank

forms of settlement of balances  
and release. Carried.

Ardell—That Councillor Paul  
be a committee to investigate  
the account of St. Paul's hos-  
pital against Patrick Shay and  
that the sec. notify the hospital  
to that effect. Carried.

Ardell—That Nurse Brown's  
bill for \$28 for care of Mrs. I.  
Borts be paid and charged  
against the land of I. Borts and  
that Dr. Whaley's bill for ser-  
vice in the same case be re-  
served for further considera-  
tion. Carried.

Paul—That E. J. Little's bill  
for \$13 for balance of salary  
due and for rent of house Jan.  
4th be paid. Carried.

Paul—That Mr. Sargent's ac-  
count for \$43.30 for auditing  
and preparing the interim  
statement be paid. Carried.

Ardell—That the bylaw to re-  
peal the Hail Insurance Bylaw  
be given its third reading and  
finally passed and signed. Car.  
Paul—That all cheques pay-  
able to municipalities who owe  
taxes to the municipality be  
issued on the condition that the  
amounts be applied on payment  
of taxes. Carried.

Ardell—That this council re-  
commend John Batty, of Jose-  
phine, to the Mayor of Muni-  
cipal Affairs, as a proper person  
to appoint to represent Divi-  
sion No. 3 as a Councillor. Car.

Sargent—That S. E. Spicer, of  
Alsask, be appointed municipal  
auditor for 1915 at a salary of  
\$10 per audit and \$5 for making  
out financial statement. Car.

Rivers—That Edward Kinch  
be authorized by this Council to  
open the safe and be allowed \$5  
per day for time spent hauling  
safe and \$2.50 per day for time

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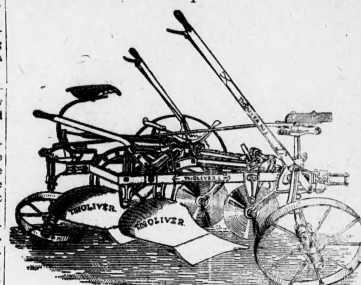
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### LOCAL AND GENERAL

Masquerade Ball, Feb. 15

Mr. N. A. Frost, of Estuary, was a visitor to Empress on Friday last.

Mr. H. J. Dennis and W. E. Abbott left for Calgary on Wednesday.

Rev. H. L. Geyer made a business trip to Swift Current on Tuesday.

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The hockey team are holding a supper, to-morrow, Saturday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Inspector T. M. Shocholam, R.N.W.M.P., Medicine Hat, was an Empress visitor on Wednesday.

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Others who made the journey to here with the Cadet team on Friday last were W. O. Scott, President, R. E. Ruthven Sec.-Treas. and R. Pines who acted as goal umpire.

Word has been received that Asst. Commissioner Z. T. Wood, R.N.W.M.P., Regina is dead. It is reported that Supt. J. O. Wilson, K. Div., Lethbridge, will most likely succeed Mr. Wood.

W. A. Mathers, Div. Supt., Medicine Hat, and A. H. Stevens, Gen. Supt., Calgary, C.P.R., travelled with the train of Wed. week last, from Bassano to Empress, for general inspection purposes.

Messrs. J. W. Kennedy, H. Ferguson, Frank Kennedy, L. Shannon and Dave Shannon were in town on Monday in connection with arrangements for the Ranchers Ball which is to be held on Friday, January 20th.

There will be no service at the Union Church Sunday next, January 24, on account of the absence of the minister. On the Sunday following will be rendered a musical service entitled, "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Usual hour 7:30 p.m.

Further Russell who has been confined to the hospital since having his feet frost bitten while lost all night in snow storm, when driving to Alsek with Carl Frenzel is improving. He hopes to be able to hold service in Empress on Sunday, February 7, at 10 a.m.

The Rev. J. M. Waggett left on Wednesday for Edmonton where he will attend the moral and temperance convention—dealing with the total prohibition campaign. The convention meets on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 21 and 22.

The Schuster family will gather at the home of the mother of Miss Eva Schuster in Biel avenue. There will be a company of thirty-five and among these will be Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schuster and family, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Schuster and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Schuster and family all of Joliet; Mr. and Mrs. Burton Forquer, of South Bend, Ind.; Raymond and the Misses Bertha and Ann Schuster. With these sons and daughters will be Great Grandmother Enders, who last May celebrated her one hundredth birthday anniversary.

sary Mr. and Mrs. Harry Follman and Mr. and Mrs. Julius Uram.—Times, Joliet, Ill., U.S.A. (The Grandmother Enders mentioned is the mother of W. J. Enders.

Messrs. F. Lamb, E. and H. McCune, R. Bishop, Miss Davis, Mr. and Mrs. F. Botsford, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Belfie, Mrs. Kiel and Mrs. R. McDonald, constituted a party which went from here on Wednesday to take in the dance at Vandyne to be held there that night. They stopped at the Kennedy Ranch home for supper.

R. M. of Mantario, No. 262

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taken in order for the municipality to require title to be land taken up for a reservoir on the NW of sec. 24, tp. 26, r. 27, w. 3. Carried.

Ardell—That the rove and sec.-treas. be hereby appointed to negotiate with the Union Bank, Alsek, with a view to obtaining advances for the purpose of financing schools. Carried.

Ardell—That the offices of sec.-treas. and assessor be combined at a fixed salary of \$800 per annum.

Moved in amendment by Paul—That the offices of sec.-treas. and assessor be combined and that the sum of \$800 per annum be paid.

Vote on amendment: Yeas—Kinch, Paul and Sawyer; Nays—Rivers, Ardell and Sargent. Amendment lost.

Vote on motion: Yeas—Rivers, Sargent, Ardell; Nays—Kinch, Paul, Sawyer. Motion lost.

Rivers—That the question of appointing a sec.-treas. and assessor and fixing salary for same be laid over until the next meeting. Carried.

Reeve Rivers gave notice of intention to introduce a Herd Bylaw and a Pound Bylaw at the next meeting in February.

Ardell—That Councillor Sargent be authorized to fence reservoir on the NW of sec. 24, 26-27, w. 3, with any of the fences defined as lawful in the Municipal Act. Carried.

Sawyer—That the Reeve and Councillors be allowed mileage at the rate of 10 cents per mile each way for distance travelled in attending council meetings and that the sum of \$3 per day be paid for attendance at meetings. Carried.

Rivers—That this Council pass a resolution regarding upon the Board of Highway Commissioners the necessity of putting in a ferry across the Saskatchewan River at a suitable point opposite Estuary or as near to that point as possible. Carried.

Rivers—That next meeting of the Council be held at E. J. Little's, 30-26-27, on Tuesday, Feb. 2nd, at 10 a.m. Carried.

Paul—That this Council do now adjourn.

R. Stanley Bong, sec.

R. M. of Acadia, No. 241

The first meeting of the 1915 Council of the Rural Municipality of Acadia, No. 241, was held in the Acadia Valley Hall on Monday, the 4th Jan., with Councillors Hallman, Rulley, Hadley, Best, McLeod and Francis present.

Councillor Francis was unanimously appointed Reeve. Reeve Francis on taking the chair in a few suitable words thanked the Council for the appointment, then called on the other Councillors for remarks. The Councillors took the stand that it would be their policy to retrench in the way of expenditures and that rigid economy consistent with efficiency would be the watchword.

of the 1915 Council.

The following officials were appointed to office: W. H. Peterson, auditor; D. M. Graham, sec.-treas. and assessor at a salary of seven hundred dollars.

The appointment of medical health officer, pound keepers, weed inspectors and standing committees were tabled to be taken up at next meeting.

Notice was given that at the

next regular meeting an amendment to the Herd By-law would be brought up.

All regular meetings of the Council will be held in the Acadia Valley Hall the first Monday in each month at 10:30 o'clock.

Council then adjourned to meet the first Monday in February at 10:30 o'clock.

D. M. Graham, sec.-treas.

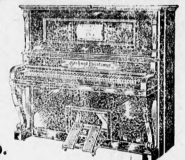
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